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Title: Regarding Check dam across Palar river in Andhra Pradesh.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): The construction of a check dam across Palar River has come as a rude shock to the farmers in 4-5 northern districts of our State, one of which is Tiruvallur District, which happens to be my Parliamentary constituency as well. These districts get water from this River and its tributaries since time immemorial, for their drinking water and irrigation needs.

There was an agreement signed in 1892 between the erstwhile Madras Presidency and Mysore Kingdom, according to which height of existing dams cannot be raised and also no new dams could be constructed without the consent of Tamil Nadu. So, in violation of the existing agreement of 1892, the Andhra Pradesh Govt. is constructing dam and raising the heights of other dams, depriving the people of those 4-5 districts. As a riparian State, Tamil Nadu is entitled to get water from Palar River.

In this connection, the late Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Amma had written to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, but to no avail. So, the Tamil Nadu Government had moved the Supreme Court to restrain the Andhra Pradesh Govt. from going ahead with the construction.

In view of the above, I request the Centre to prevail upon the Andhra Pradesh Government to stop construction of the check dam across Palar River and also stop raising the heights of other dams across Palar River.